

CRIPPEN'S LIFE HANGS UPON LOCK OF HAIR

Star Witness Admits Anatomical Identification of Body Impossible.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Dr. H. H. Crippen's life today is literally hanging by a hair.

Under shrewd and merciless cross-examination today by Attorney Arthur Newton, Dr. Pepper, the government analyst, practically repudiated much of his former testimony, and admitted that it was impossible to determine the sex of the remains supposed to have been the body of Belle Elmore Crippen, from an anatomical standpoint.

"Is this the only way to determine the sex of a body with certainty?" thundered Newton, when he saw that he had the government's star witness in a bad corner.

"Yes," was Pepper's reluctant reply.

"You agree, then, with Dr. Marshall, the other government analyst, when he declared at the inquest that it was impossible to determine the sex of the remains?" asked Newton, drawing nearer to the perturbed witness.

Sex Undeterminable.

"I'll admit that it was impossible to determine the sex by any anatomical study," replied Pepper.

Newton paused significantly after this startling admission by Pepper. The whole court room was surprised at the sensational turn in the case, all believing that it marked an early collapse of the prosecution.

Pepper's admission leaves the question of the body's identity dependent upon a few strands of hair found in curlers near the body, another lock of hair found knotted in a man's handkerchief, and the remnant of a woman's undervest.

The evidence of the hair, however, was rendered practically valueless by Pepper's admission that the hair in the handkerchief was light and much shorter than that in the curlers.

Dr. Pepper, government analyst, admitted that when he first saw the remains of the woman supposed to have been Belle Elmore Crippen, he thought they were animal remains. It required close inspection, he said, to determine that they were remnants of a human body.

Attorney Newton, who is now appearing for both Dr. H. H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Clare Leneve, made the most of Pepper's admission, for it was Pepper who first claimed to have recognized the remains as those of a woman who had undergone an operation, and later found traces of hyacin poisoning.

"You mean to tell the court," said Newton, "that you were able to arrive at this conclusion after first having mistaken these pieces for the remains of an animal?"

"Oh! I quickly saw my mistake," Pepper replied. "There was no question after a close inspection that the remains were those of a middle-aged woman of rather heavy build. We established beyond doubt the facts of an operation."

Body Under Floor.

Pepper said the body occupied a space under the cellar floor of the Crippen home, about the length of a human body. Dr. Marshall, the other analyst, was with him on this point. He said the soil where the body was found consisted of clay and loam mixed, and that lime had been sprinkled over the remains.

Pepper sought to remove all doubt as to the correctness of his conclusions by declaring that the next day, July 15, he and Dr. Marshall held a post mortem, which eliminated the last doubt as to the remains being those of a woman.

The dramatic features of the "Crippen case" are appealing to actors and playwrights as no other case in the history of English criminality, and features of it will undoubtedly find their way to the stage. This was evidenced today by the appearance in the Bow street court room of Sir John Hare and H. B. Irving, leading English actors, and of Sir William Gilbert, the playwright. They had seats close to the witness stand, and made frequent notes. On two previous occasions Gilbert was honored with a seat by the side of Judge De Rutzen.

SPECIAL NOTICES

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF Bricklayers and Masons' Unions of Nos. 1 and 2 of D. C. Friday, Sept. 16th, 8 p. m., at Costello's Hall, Business of Importance. GEO. W. ELLIOTT, Sec. of No. 1.

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The convention this year meets in Little Rock, Ark., from September 29 to 31.

Mr. Grant says the convention usually brings about 1,000 delegates and visitors to the city in which it is entertained.

VISCOUNT SONE DEAD.

TOKYO, Sept. 14.—Viscount Arasuke Sone, privy councillor and former resident general in Korea, is dead. His death had been expected for some time and was the result of a long sickness.

SPECIAL NOTICES

OFFICE OF THE Washington Gas Light Company, 412-7 TENTH STREET N. W.

Washington City, D. C., September 13, 1910.

To the Stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company, called by the Board of Directors of that Company, for and will be held on Friday, the fourteenth day of October, 1910, at 12 o'clock M., at the principal office of the Company, No. 412 Tenth Street northwest, in the City of Washington, D. C., to transact such business as may properly come before said meeting, and especially to consider and approve or otherwise act upon the following propositions:

(1) Shall the Washington Gas Light Company continue its practice heretofore of declaring regular quarterly dividends to its stockholders from its net earnings, at the rate of ten per centum per annum upon its authorized capital of \$2,500,000, which capitalization was made many years ago, and does not now adequately represent the fair value of the property of the Company used by it for the benefit of the public under the provisions of the Company's charter, and its further practice of declaring extra dividends from its undivided profits; or, shall it in future distribute among its stockholders, in the proportions to which they are respectively entitled, the net annual earnings of its business and the sums necessary to pay interest upon its bonds and certificates of indebtedness, together with an amount sufficient to cover depreciation in dividends to an amount approximating six per centum upon the fair value of the property used by the said Company for the benefit of the public in supplying gas under its charter, assuming that the said net earnings shall be sufficient to justify said dividends?

(2) Shall the moneys needed annually for extensions of the Company's mains and other expenses generally classified as "betterments" be paid out of the earnings of the Company, or shall such moneys hereafter be raised by a bond issue or issues secured by deed of trust upon all of the Company's property which it is entitled to embrace in said deed of trust, said bonds to be sold for not less than par, and the proceeds thereof to be applied exclusively to said betterments?

(3) Shall the company refund its outstanding bonds now bearing four per centum interest, amounting to approximately \$600,000 in round numbers, and also its outstanding dividend certificates of indebtedness bearing six per centum interest, amounting to \$2,000,000, which certificates of indebtedness are now payable at the option of the company, by a new bond issue, secured by deed of trust upon all of the property of the company which it is legally entitled to embrace in said deed of trust, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, and to be payable at such time or times as the said company before called shall determine upon, the contents of the said bonds and also the said deed of trust to be approved by a meeting of the directors of the company subsequent to the said stockholders' meeting, but in any event to contain a stipulation waiving the statutory personal responsibility of each stockholder for the payment of the said bonds, and expressly stipulating that holders of the said bonds shall rely only upon the security embraced in the said deed of trust? Further, in the event that the said stockholders' meeting shall determine that future betterments shall not be paid out of earnings, but shall be financed by a bond issue, shall the issue of bonds contemplated in this proposition be increased, and if so, to what amount, for the purpose of financing said betterments required in the near future?

If it is not thought expedient to refund the said issue of \$2,000,000 of dividend certificates of indebtedness in the manner next hereinafter provided, shall the said total issue of dividend certificates of indebtedness be paid with interest to the date of payment by the proceeds of the sale in open market, for not less than par, of \$2,000,000 of the said new bonds, or of so many of said bonds as may be required for the purpose?

If it be not thought expedient to sell the said \$2,000,000 face value of the said bonds in open market, shall so many of the stockholders of the company at a given date as shall avail themselves of the privilege within a limited time be entitled to subscribe and pay for the said bonds at their face value, said privilege of subscription and payment to be proportional to the holdings of the respective stockholders? Shall said privilege next hereinafter referred to apply also to so much of said new issue or issues of bonds as shall be required for financing betterments?

All subordinate propositions embraced in and pertinent to the said main propositions above stated shall, to the necessary extent, be considered and acted upon by the said stockholders' meeting.

According to the charter and by-laws of the Washington Gas Light Company, only such stockholders are allowed to vote at any meeting of the stockholders as shall have been holders of the certificates of stock of the said Company in their own and proper names for the period of fourteen days previous to any stockholders' meeting. In order that all stockholders may have an opportunity to have their stock thus registered in the books of the Company, the stock transfer books of the Company will be closed at 12 o'clock of business at 3 p. m. on Thursday, the 22nd day of September, 1910, and will remain closed until the close of business at 3 p. m. on Friday, the 14th day of October, 1910; and all holders of stock as aforesaid who shall be such at the close of business on said 22nd day of September, 1910, will be entitled to vote at the special meeting of the stockholders hereby called for Friday, the 14th day of October, 1910.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock m. until 1 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

By WILLIAM B. ORME, Secretary, Washington Gas Light Company. 5613-511

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